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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

The Yerba Buena chapter of E Clampus Vitus in San Francisco is an extremely live, not to say lively, organization. Noble Grand Humbug Lee Stopple was kind enough to extend an invitation to the "doings" last week to Nevada City Clampers, and four men from William Bull Meek chapter, Saturday attended the historical tour, the ancient and rigorous rites in which neophytes are ushered into membership, and the dinner at a hotel that followed.

The historical tour included a study of the Montgomery Block. built in 1853, and built so solidly with a view to fire and earthquake hazards that it, and other buildings in the vicinity built on much the same plan, after withstanding many fires and minor earthquakes, also survived the great earthquake and fire of 1906. In fact they acted as a fire-brake to other structures along Jackson, Washington and Montgomery Streets.

It was in one of the rooms in the Montgomery Block that the editor, James King of William, died, following his fatal shooting by an assassin, later hanged by the Vigilante Committee. In the Fifties the Montgomery Block was tenanted by prominent attorneys, bankers and gold buyers. The building is four stories in height, and its foundation consists of a mat of redwood logs covered with redwood planking and sunk in what was then the mud and sand at the edge of San Francisco bay. At high tide the sea lapped what is now Montgomery street. On that foundation the thick brick walls, reinforced at each floor by heavy iron rectangles, was erected, in three parts, each part a building in itself.

James Hall was master of the Clamper tour among this group of historic buildings, and among other structures pointed out the first Ghirardelli building and the original home of Hotaling's whiskel. In this connection he recited the famous quatrain written by Charles Field following the great temblor of 1906. The verse is as follows:

"If God spanked San Francisco
For being over-frisky,
Why did he, all the churches burn
And spare Hotaling's whiskey?"

Following the initiation ceremony at the rooms of the California Historical Society, in which 23 poor blind candidates became Clampers, was a dinner in the Hotel Empire, attended by a number of notables. Among them were Wild Bill Hickok, the younger, a nephew of the original Wild Bill, "Lit" Dalton, brother of THE Daltons, and Scotty Allen of Yukon and World War fame. Needless to say "Lit" Dalton does not share the notoriety of his elder brothers in anything except name. He is 80 years old, and was visiting San Francisco for the first time since the eighties. The younger Wild Bill Hickok, is generally accorded the reputation of shooting faster and more accurately than his famous uncle, and was notably a one-man posse in the enforcement of the law during his younger days in the "Wild West."

Scotty Allen was definitely one of the leading pioneers of Alaska and during the gold rush of 1898-99 served to keep order on the Skagway. He told racy yarns of his experience on that great trail of tribulation, his acquaintance with Soapy Smith, who was much more generous than generally is credited, of a bull laden with a 300-pound pack that ran amuck on the crowded trail and in three minutes flat, cleared it of all living creatures for a distance of two miles. Scotty is now principally engaged in manufacturing a celebrated dog food. He proudly exhibits a 29 pound sledge, which, hitched to his swift dog teams won him $75,000 in racing prize money.

Scotty's part in the world war was to supply trained dogs to the Allies. At one time he had 400 canines working behind the lines for the French, English and American troops. While Alaskan huskies have a reputation for fighting, Scotty declared that his dogs never had a fight all the time he was in France. His dogs did noble service in solving the transportation problem of the French military forces in the Alps. Scotty speaks with a rich Scotch burr. He still occasionally earns what he calls "pin money"; by taking part wtih his dog teams in the moving pictures.

Last and perhaps most notable of all was Adam Lee Moore, one hundred and one years old, who has succeeded, through Clamper edict, to the title of the late Emperor Norton, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico. Emperor Adam bears also the title of Noble Grand Clampatriarch of E Clampus Vitus. Following the dinner he delivered a speech of welcome to the new brethren and sang an old time ballad with 37 verses.

NEVADA CITY SCOUTS GO TO PAHATSI FEB. 3

Forty scouts from Nevada City are expected to make the trip to Camp Pahatsi for their annual scout snow trip February 3 and 4 according to information from scout headquarters.

The scouts will be under the leadership of the camp staff of Bruce Kimsey and Chef Fred Stephen and the immediate supervision of Cecil Klee, district commissioner of Nevada City, Leland Smith of the district camp committee, Merle Morrison, assistant scoutmaster of Rotary Troop 24, and members of the troop committee of Troops 6 and 24.

The group plan to leave Nevada City early Saturday morning and arrive in camp for breakfast and two full days of snow activity. The scout camp is equipped with skiis and facilities for full enjoyment of the program. It is expected that this year's outing will prove to be one of the most enjoyable in the history of the activities as all groups report excellent snow conditions at the camp and surrounding country. Scouts also have this year opportunity to pass numerous scouting tests under the direction of the camp naturalist, Bruce Kimsey.

Use of the camp. providing leadership, use of equipment, preparation and serving of food are furnished by the council as a part of its year round program to the troops of this area.

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR FOLLOWERS OF SNOW SPORTS

The Southern Pacific reports increasing interest each week end in the Norden-Sugar Bowl-Soda Springs area. The new ski hut at Norden provides warming, eating and resting accommodations, and entertained more than a thousand skiers last week end. At the Sugar Bowl, 1½ miles from Norden, is the Sugar Bowl Lodge, ice rink, and 3500 foot ski lift up the newly named Disney Peak.

Nearly as many people played at Soda Springs on Beacon Hill, using the J-Bar lift, the rope tow, and Van Evera's new Sitzmark Lodge. A new rope tow is being installed.

The Southern Pacific will operate three special trains to these areas. The all coach Snowball Special leaves the bay area late Saturday night, arriving Sunday morning, equipped with a lunch car and diner. The Sierra, on Friday and Saturday evening, carrying both coach and sleeping accommodations in addition to a Ski Hut, offers a special schedule for the convenience of skiers. Equipment is rented and sold on all of these trains. Special low fares are in effect for those making occasional trips, and a specially low priced "Skimute" is now available for those who anticipate making five trips or more.

SHOVEL PLACERS RESUMES WORK

Work has been resumed at the Shovel Placers mine near Columbia Hill with ten men under Thomas Bigelow. Jack Pearson has the lease on the property. It is stated the work will consist chiefly of working tailings left from operations last year and working gravel in a ravine on the property. A load of butane gas for power generating was trucked to the property this week.

GAME WARDEN WARNS TO KEEP HOUNDS HOME

Game Warden Earl Hiscox warns everyone to keep dogs at home particularly deer hounds that are chasing deer in the nearby mountains as they will be destroyed when found following deer. He saw four hounds chasing deer near Central House on Wednesday. There is a fine of $25 to $500 for the offense of dogs chasing deer out of season. Hiscox also warns that the season is closed for all game animals now.

MEAT FAMINE IN WASHINGTON, 1889 IS RECALLED

James A. Hartman, former resident of Nevada County and a visitor here, yesterday recounted some facts about the Washington district during the winter of 1889 and 1990 when there was 18 feet of snow at the White Cloud hill. There were several mines operating in Washington and as the snow piled up provisions ran lower and lower until the people were out of meat for two months. All the milk cows were butchered in the town.

The mine superintendents, Henry Callahan of the Eagle Bird; George Hone of the Yuba mine and Albert Trededigo of the Washington mine, got together and made plans to bring meat to the camp. Callahan and a partner came to Nevada City and secured James Hartman and John Holbrook to buy cattle and take them into Washington. The men were given a $400 check and went to Marysville to purchase the cattle.

The cattle were wild as deer to persons on foot being as they were accustomed to horsemen, but by the time they reached the Five Mile House they were as tame as milk cows. Crews of men started shoveling snow from Willow Valley toward Washington. The mines were not able to operate while it was so cold so miners were put to work shoveling a trail from Washington. At the Five Mile House snow was up to the second story windows and was shoveled from the windows before hay was pitched to the cattle from the top of the haymow in the barn.

When the cattle reached Washington there was great rejoicing and a beef was butchered in the street by Mr. Hartman, town butcher and distributed to the residents. George Carey of this city and a native of Washington was a small boy and recalls seeing a huge husky miner, Mike Connell, pass his home on skiis with a quarter of beef strapped to his shoulders enroute to the Washington mine, where there were 60 men living.

The old Spanish mine was producing 200 tons of ore per day under the management of Joe Freeman. The ten stamp mill handled hard ore while a Huntington mill took care of the softer ore.

Andrew Carey, then a young man and was working in the mill at the Washington mine.

COUNTY PLAN BOARD TO MEET

The newly appointed Nevada county planning commission will meet with the supervisors this afternoon to discuss plans for their work. This group will study county roads in Nevada county. The commission of seven was sworn in recently by the supervisors. The new commissioners are Charles Maguire, C. A. Heath, Inter County Title Insurance Company; County Surveyor Joe O'Connor; John Fortier, Bank of America; Herbert H. Hallett, superintendent of streets in Nevada City; Jack Fontz, city superintendent of streets in Grass Valley; District Attorney Stoll.

Carl G. Genter, who has mining property at Alleghany, and Mrs. Genter returned Wednesday evening from a few days visit in San Francisco and other bay cities. Mr. and Mrs. Genter have an apartment at the National Hotel. Miss Navelle, who has been a guest at the National Hotel for some time, met them at Sacramento and also enjoyed a visit in the bay district.

Champion Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft held a most enjoyable meeting last evening and initiated three candidates into the order.

DOLL COLLECTING LATEST HOBBY

The latest hobby for Nevada City ladies came to the attention of a Nugget reporter recently when a visit was made to the home of Mrs. Miles Coughlin and her beautiful collection of dolls was inspected. She has more or less picked up dolls of different periods from the United States, but last year when Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wright made their trip around the world she asked them to purchase a doll for her from each country they visited. The fact that friends selected many prized dolls makes them all the more valued. Nearly all the dolls from foreign countries came wrapped in a white cloth sock and packed inside small wooden boxes. The last box came in December many weeks after Mr. and Mrs. Wright returned home.

Mrs. Coughlin's dolls range in size from an inch to over two feet tall. Mr. and Mrs. Wright stated that they visited older sections of foreign cities searching for these dolls that would have been missed in ordinary travel. The windows of nearly all big stores contained American dolls.

The first dolls came from Japan where they made their first call. In this collection were a Japanese dancing geisha girl in gay costume, a Japanese bride in a beautiful dress, from Yokahama; a Japanese family, mother, tiny babe on her back and boy and girl dolls, from the city of Nikko, also in native costume.

From Hongkong come two dancing dolls gracefully poised in costumes; from Shanghai were the group, father, mother, son and daughter in native dress.

At Manila man and woman cloth dolls in grass cloth costumes, completely dressed even to satin and suede slippers At Burma a dancing doll in gay dress, many strands of bright beads, with strings that made her dance like the maroneete of old. At Delhi, India, was found a bride and groom with gorgeous headdresses from the central province of Nagapur province; another doll with gay headdress, from the northern province of Motum; and another from the western province of Rajputana. Costumes were bright and the dolls were of cloth; outfits complete even to ankle bracelets.

From Luxor, Egypt, were four dolls in native dress, women with Turkish veils over portion of faces and anklet bracelets.

The Italian dolls wore felt costumes with brilliant colorings. A soldier of the king's guard had long feathers in his hat; a sharp shooter wore the army uniform; a Cecilian girl and Roman girl each had bright costumes with gay embroidery.

Two dolls purchased in Paris have velvet and satin suits. The girl doll from Alsace-Lorraine wore huge felt flaring skirt, tight fitting jacket, white head dress. Holland dolls from Amsterdam, boy and girl, were in native costume and wooden shoes. This completes the group purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. Coughlin has secured a Matreska or Russian doll of hand painted wood. There are seven dolls nested to make the smallest only an inch tall. Her collection includes boy and girl dolls from Poland are in native costumes They are from the Lowicz district west of Warsaw and in the gay, woolen, striped cloth.

Mrs. Anna Tucker presented her with two dolls from Treasure Island fair that came from Shanghai. They are an old Chinese couple.

A tiny negro doll carried as a talisman and a gift by Mrs. Chester Barker throughout South America and Mexico is quite a curio as it is only an inch tall.

American dolls are, China glass head dolls, Christmas costume of 1892; character dolls by Rose O'Neil are, one of the original kewpies; China head doll, long old fashioned lawn dress and completly outfitted; the Dionne quints in a ferris wheel, purchased just before Christmas; Sonja Heinie, one of Madame Alexander's dolls in full skating costume. Other Alexander dolls are, princess, in lovely pink silk dress and Shirley Temple. A hat stand has a tiny Mexican doll at its base; Snow White, of Seven Dwarfs is at the base of a tiny electric light; a small glass kewpie and tiny Dresden lady are in a book case.

Mrs. Coughlin recently secured an old kid body doll and one of the first of the baby dolls which she will have repaired for her collection. There must be about sixty dolls in this boy-by group and she is continuing to collect them. An interesting feature is that dolls of different periods have the costumes and characteristics of their time.

ROBT. TAMBLYN BUYS BUILDING AND BUSINESS

It was announced yesterday that Robert Tamblyn, well known insurance man, has purchased the building at Commercial and Main street, formerly owned by the Carveth Insurance company, and with it the company's insurance business in Nevada City. Four years ago the building was handsomely modernized with an apartment up stairs and offices on the ground floor. Mr. and Mrs. Tamblyn will occupy the apartment.

DEER AND QUAIL FED AT TAHOE

Captain A. H Willard, of the state fish and game commission, stated yesterday some deer and quail are being fed near Pomins and Tahoe City on the shores of Lake Tahoe. The deer and birds are more or less resident and refuse to migrate to the lower altitudes when winter starts.

Deer are being salted near Floriston along the Truckee river, this herd being the California mule tail that winter there each year. Warden William LaMar is in charge of that district comprising the east side of the Sierra Nevada in the Tahoe national forest, Weber Lake and Lake Tahoe sections.

A deer census is being taken in some concentrated areas in the high Sierra Nevada ranges for several months.

GYMNASIUM OF M. E. CHURCH TO BE REMODELED

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Methodist church of this city, Ray Murchie was chosen president of the board and R. J. Bennetts, secretary. A plan for remodeling the gymnasium in the back of the church was approved and a committee named to obtain the necessary funds, estimated at $500. Horace A. Curnow, manager of the local branch of the Bank of America, was made chairman of the finance committee. It is proposed to convert the old gymnasium, which has not been used for any purpose for several years into a social hall, more adaptable to the needs of the various organizations of the church.

AMERICANISM WEEK SPONSORED BY ELKS LODGE

Henry C. Warner, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has sent a communication to every lodge in the order designating the period from February 18 to February 24 as "Americanism Week," and urging each lodge of the order to arrange some definite program of Americanization activities during that period.

Nevada City Lodge has accepted the proclamation of the Grand Exalted Ruler in its full significance and has set apart February 22, Washington's birthday, as the day upon which it will put on a program of Americanism activities.

C. B. Merriam, exalted ruler of the local lodge has appointed a committee consisting of C. R. Clark, John W. O'Neill and P. G. Scadden, all past exalted rulers of the lodge to take charge of the event. The committee has decided on a tentative program, which will consist of a torch light procession on the night of February 22 led by the Nevada City high school band. Every organization in Nevada City will be aked to participate in the celebration. After the parade there will be a gathering in the Elks hall where a program will be rendered. Harry S. Lyon, Grand First Vive President of the Native Sons of the Golden West will be the orator, and will deliver a patriotic address.

Mrs. Estelle Fouyer of Sacramento was in Nevada City yesterday and called on her son, Ainsley Fouyer, who is staying at the home of relatives, Sheriff and Mrs. Carl Tobiassen.

WHITHER BOUND IS REV. RALSTON'S TOPIC AT ROTARY

The Rev. David Ralston, pastor of the Methodist church, was guest speaker yesterday at the Rotary club, His topic was "Whither Bound?" His address in part follows:

There never was a time in the history of the world when the way was so dark and uncertain as at this very hour. Not only for one nation, but for all nations. In this thesis we must acknowledge that we are in a marvelous age of advancement. An age of autos, of radios, of airplanes, of television, of institutions for deaf and blind, of hospitals for the sick and feeble minded, of homes for the aged and play grounds for the young people, an age of school, colleges, and universities. Nevertheless, with all our advancement this question is very important: "Whither Bound?"

We might ask ourselves even in America whither bound politically? Are we headed for dictatorship which might possibly lead to Communism? To some that is the direction we are going. It is just impossible for me to think of any intelligent American with our history and freedom ever voting for or even considering for one moment any encroachment of any other form of government in this the most democratic nation on earth. We are a great cosmopolitan population—a caldron into which all the representatives of the nations of the earth have been poured, and in that caldron may be found some who do not like our form of government and our haven of privilege, and opportunity, of equality and rest for all peoples. If they do not like us, why not go back to the countries from whence they came?

We have no use for nor have we any room for Bonn Societies. We have no use for Nazism, or Stalinism or any sinister organizations in this country. We want our citizens to be one hundred per cent American. We are desirous that every man shall have a square deal, and permitted to live honestly, decently and law abiding in this the greatest of all nations.

The times are serious and we cannot tolerate any within our borders, those who are disloyal to our flag or constitution. We have no use for political dictators. We can differ as to whether we shall vote for a president who is a Democrat, or a Republican. But one thing we must be sure of is that he not a Marxist socialist, or an admirer of Stalin, but a one-hundred-per-cent American. I know that there are some who will ask for a definition of freedom and liberty, and will quibble about a definition of freedom of the press and freedom of speech. We have our Bill of Rights which gives us freedom enough. The trouble is that we have been too free in our definition of freedom and liberty and we have allowed radicals on platforms, in our city parks to berate our government, and try to tear our constitution to pieces. They have entered our pulpits, and as religious fanatics would not salute our flag. Rattle brained ministers, and weak minded religious fantatics that have become disloyal to our flag and our constitution and the great principles for which they stand. The principles of liberty, justice and righteousness. Yes, we have to have a Dies Committee to ferret out the unpatriotic Americans in our country, and they are finding them. They are finding them in our schools, our colleges and the universities and in governmental positions. It is high time that there should be a house cleaning. I am for America first and last and all the time, for our flag and our constitution.

I hate war more and more as I see the havoc in the destruction of life and property. In Dante's Inferno he has seven circles which represent the various places of punishment for the people who have sinned and the people who have sinned more diabolically than others he places in the nethermost circle. I believe that the man or men who launch a nation or nations into war that he and they might become all powerful, ought to be placed in the lowest circle. Also would I have owners of great daily papers and munition factory owners who stir up the people to such a pitch that they cannot see any way out of war, and they stand back and laugh at the country, going to war, that millions of our finest young men

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The Strange Case of Santa Barbara

With State and National politicians howling for more, More, MORE taxes to squander during election year, you as a citizen (and a heavy taxpayer whether you know it or not) will be interested in the strange performances of the New Deal in Santa Barbara County, California.

Santa Barbara is a well-to-do county and its people are at least as generous and sympathetic as the average. But seven years of New Deal waste and politics in relief proved more than they could stand. Through their supervisors they therefore proposed to the State Relief Commission this reasonable work relief program:

1. That instead of increasing Relief expenses, Santa Barbara County will guarantee to get along on 2/3 of the State average for unemployment relief.

2. That the State Relief Commission may continue, as now, to regulate "intake," budget and general control.

3. That the County will guarantee no worthy person shall be denied relief or be required to perform unsuitable work.

4. That the County will not interfere with "cases, budgets, investigations or anything else of that nature."

5. That the County will provide an abundance of useful but not unnecessary work. together with tools, equipment and transportation for all SRA cases.

6. That the County will provide and pay for coordinators to check all WPA and SRA cases and compel them to enter private employment when possible.

7. That relief workers will NOT be allowed to compete with men now doing regular and necessary public work.

8. That persons who are able and fit to work on relief projects but refuse to do so shall NOT receive relief.

Can you, Mr. Taxpayer, see anything wrong with these proposals, made in good faith by one of the ablest Boards of Supervisors in all California?

Is ANYTHING the matter with this plan?

And the supervisors went further. They said: "If you will let us run the whole thing, we will run on half the State average."

One-third LESS relief cost in Santa Barbara County saved $200,000 per year before work relief was discontinued.

One-third LESS relief cost in California would save $20,000,000 per year.

One-third LESS relief cost in the United States would save $500,000,000 per year U. S. funds and an equal amount of State funds or one billion a year.

What happened? Just this: On November 2, 1939, a hearing was held in Los Angeles by the full membership of the State Relief Commission and this plan was presented verbally and in writing by the supervisors of Santa Barbara county. The State Relief Commission took no action then, but on January 4, 1940, it denied the request and discontinued county work relief.

You, as a taxpayer, are being told you must pay heavier State and National taxes for relief. Why?

The Santa Barbara County Supervisors say, "We can cut the relief load one-third and take care of every one who needs relief."

They also say "ANY COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA OR ELSEWHERE CAN DO THE SAME THING." Real "honest-to-God" work relief honestly and locally administered is the answer.

Why, Mr. Citizen, should you pay More Taxes when one-third to one-half of what you now pay is being wasted on political jobs and vote buying?

Think it over. Tell your supervisors and your State and National representatives what you want!

(All statements in this editorial may be verified and any further desired information may be obtained, by addressing C. L. Preisker, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara, California.)

Government's Foes Convicted

American law, in some form or other, will eventually catch up with the offender, but it is often such a tedious process as to cause many to lose faith in its effectiveness.

Witness the case of Earl Browder, secretary and Presidential candidate of the Communist party in the United States, who was sentenced to four years in prison for passport fraud. It was well known that he was involved in subversive activities, but no evidence could be gathered that would satisfy the law and land him in prison.

For years Browder has done everything in his power to foment unrest in the United States with the overthrow of our form of government as his goal. He was in close touch with Moscow day and night, receiving his orders direct from the Russian Communist party.

His acts were distasteful to the overwhelming majority of Americans, who have long wanted to see him fall victim of the very government he sought to destroy, but they had to wait until it was shown that he traveled about Europe on false passports.

The case of Fritz Kuhn was very similar. He was the fuehrer of the German-American Bund and also was involved in activities that should have opened prison doors for him. He finally was jailed, but on charges that he appropriated bund money for his personal use.

Al Capone defied all laws, and his gangland did almost as much to undermine the government as Kuhn and Browder, but he always managed to keep clear of prison until he was convicted of failing to make out proper income tax returns.

We have such a multitude of laws in the United States that it is extremely embarrassing for us to admit that we have to beat around the bush to capture Browders, Kuhns and Capones, that they may be taken before the bar of justice.

Apparently the laws designed to apprehend violators are so full of loopholes that they assist rather than deter crime. It is a pity that we can't deal with undesirables in any other manner than to convict them of offenses so minor in nature that even the prosecutors must blush.—San Bernardino Sun.

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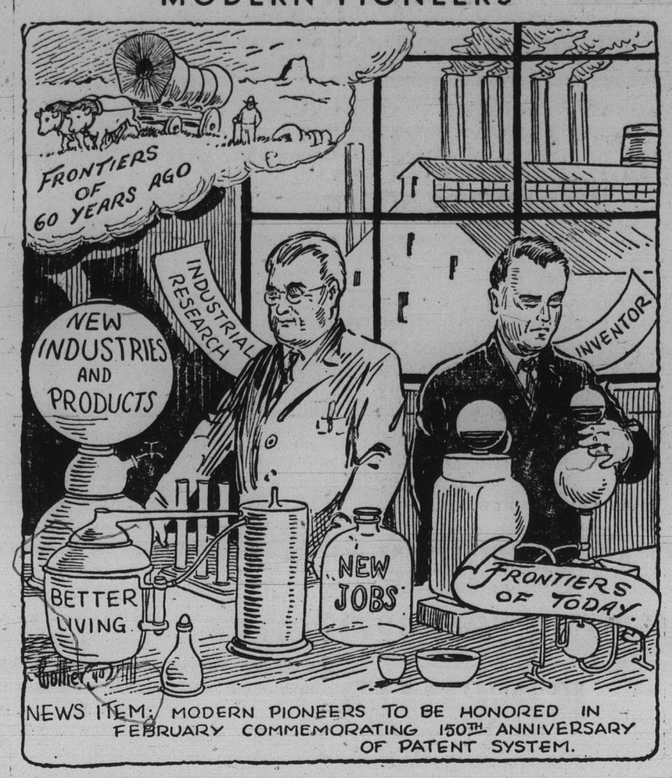
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Beware of Smoke

The demand for changes in the Wagner Labor Relations Act has been going on for a long time now. Meanwhile, the public has been increasingly insistent that a revision of the law be made. But so far, the voice of the public hasn't been heeded.

In May, 1938, a Gallup poll disclosed that 62 per cent of the American people wanted the National Labor Relations Act either revised or repealed outright. Today, that percentage has risen to 71 per cent. Meanwhile, investigation by the Smith committee, appointed by the House of Representatives, has disclosed numerous "bugs" in the Act and in its administrtion.

While public sentiment is solidly against the Act in its present form the, long delay in doing anything about it has created a condition that is extremely dangerous. The danger lies in the possibility that the whole situation will become so confused that the public will may be thwarted.

This might be done in two manners, both of which have been suggested in some sources:

1. Amendments might be put through which are really "dummy changes" and would not accomplish the desired end of promoting industrial peace. Some amendments that have been suggested notably those of the CIO, would make the law even more militantly anti-employer than it is at present, and would therefore do all harm and no good.

2. Changes in the personnel of the board itself might be made with the pretense that these were all that was needed. This would run counter to most of the testimony produced by the current congressional hearings, which have shown that much of the board bias has been the result of loose construction permitted by the wording of the Act itself. But the defenders-to-the-death of the Act in its present form might think that they could fool the public anyway.

The public has demonstrated for a long stretch now that it wants the Wagner Act amended. Now, as the time draws nearer when some form of change in the Act or Board seems inevitable, is the moment when individual citizens must watch most closely to see that the public's desire is respected. "Eternal vigilance," is a prime necessity—eternal vigilance to guard against smokescreens under cover of which the public is crossed. In other words, now is the time to beware of smoke at the nation's capital city!—Contributed.

From Aunt Sarah

Now is the season for dainty omelets and try this recipe with the newest and most modern egg beater offered by the Nevada City Nugget as a premium for one new subscription.

Directions, four eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, two table spoons milk, teaspoon corn starch or flour, season with salt and pepper. Mix ingredients, turn into buttered frying pan. Shake pan gently until omelet sets then place in hot oven leaving there until fluffy and slightly browned. Hot cake turner will fold and lift omelet. Finely chopped cooked ham, oysters or other meats may be added to give variety.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Crosson and laughter, **Marlene, of Sacramento** spent Wednesday and Thursday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rawley Passmore at Town Talk.

PEEK BOUNCED FROM ASSEMBLY SPEAKERSHIP

By "SCOOP" THURMAN
Assemblyman

The state legislature made history as it opened on Monday of this week in extraordinary session with the Assembly for the first time in history declining to reelect its officers who served during the regular session. Speaker Paul Peek and speaker pro tem Hugh Donnelly were succeeded by Gordon Garland, Tulare farmer and conservative Democrat as speaker and Gardiner Johnson, of Berkeley, Republican, as speaker pro tem.

THURMAN

The new speaker is a fruit grower and rancher and was a member of the economy bloc in the regular session. He sponsored much of the Farm Bureau legislation at the regular session and like the man he succeeded has been a member of the legislature for two terms. He is qutie popular with his fellow legislators including members of both political parties.

Speaker Garland, as well as the other members of the Democratic economy bloc were severely criticised by the governor during the regular session and threats of purge were made against Garland and other Democrats who refused to take the governor's program. At the time of the purge threat against Garland he retorted that he had received 8,000 more votes than the governor in his district.

The unseating of Paul Peek was not so much due to opposition to him personally but was rather due to he fact that he was so closely aligned with the administration and its program which on the whole, the legislature opposes. The members of the economy group felt that with one of their members in the speaker's chair legislation would be speeded up and there would be no lengthy delays as occurred during the regular session. Another factor in the changing of speakers was the legislators belief that the two branches of government, the legislative and the executive should be definitely separated and that each should function without interference from the other. Under the administration of the former speaker the Assembly was more or less under the control of the governor even so far as to have a telephone connecting the speaker's desk and the governor's office. One of the first things the new speaker did on assuming his office was to take the telephone out thus demonstrating that from henceforth the lower house of the legislative body would be completely divorced from the executive branch of the government.

With a new speaker in the chair new Assembly committees will be selected. However it is likely that not more than ten or twelve committees will be selected. During the regular session there are some 58 committees. Your assemblyman has been offered the chairmanship of the Mines and Mining Committee should such a committee function during the pecial session.

Following the organizing of the Assembly on Monday the governor addressed both houses of the legislature in joint session in the Assembly chamber. In his message the governor recommended that $95,000,000 be allocated for relief for the balance of the biennium. This with the $35,000,000 allocated at the last session would make a total of $130,500,000 for relief for the biennium or about double the amount asked for in the budget at the last session. In addition to this large amount for relief the governor also asked for $50,000,000 in new taxes.

This writer believes that the re-
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lief appropriations will be cut down considerably while the revenue and taxation program will be given serious consideration and will be curtailed without a doubt. We believe that on the whole the legislators will continue to be economy minded. Most of them, like the writer, have heard from the folks at home and the vast majority of the people at home are writing that they wish their representatives to continue to practice economy.

As far as the Assembly is concerned every piece of legislation will be given a fair hearing. The bills will go to their respective committees and there will be no attempt made to kill a bill before it has been given a fair hearing.

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January 25, 1940

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that T. B. ENGLISH, MARGARET J. COUGHLAN, and THE HEIRS OF MRS. C. J. ENGLISH, deceased, all of North Columbia, Nevada County, California, have made application for patent for a placer mining claim situate in the Columbia Hill Mining District, Nevada County, California, in the Northwest quarter of Section 4 and the Northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Medidian, described as follows:

ROSE VALLEY PLACER CLAIM, consisting of Lot No. 4, of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, in Township 17 North, of Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, and Lots 1 and 2 of Section 5, in Township 17 North, of Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, containing 54.80 acres, more or less.

That the lands adjoining on the North, South, East and West are patented.

That the location notice for the Rose Valley Placer Claim is recorded in Book "25" of Mining Claims, at page 492, Records of Nevada County, California.

ELLIS PURLEE, Register.

Date of first publication: January 29, 1940.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, M. A. No. 032400, DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, January 26, 1940. Notice is hereby given that Jerome C. Coughlan of North Columbia, California, has made application for patent for the Frandy-Black Placer Mining Claim in the Columbia Hill Mining District, Nevada County, California, described as follows: Lots 5, and 6, Sec. 4, T. 17 N., R. 9 E., M. D. M., California. That the lands adjoining on the North, South, East and West are patented. The location notice is recorded in Book "27" of Mining Claims, at page 3, Records of Nevada County, California.

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No. 4017.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of LOUIS PANSIERO, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Marie Costa as executrix of the last will and testament of Louis Pansiero, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice to the said executrix at law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, 207 North Pine Street, Nevada City, Nevada County, California, the same being her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Louis Pansiero, Deceased.

Dated, January 24th, 1940.

MARIE COSTA,
Executrix of the last will and testament of Louis Pansiero, Deceased.

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Potentate Paul V. Amick, newly elected head of Ben Ali Temple of the Mystic Shrine, has appointed Gustave E. Dimmen as potentate's ambassador of the Temple in Nevada City and vicinity.

Amick heads the list of new officers of the temple, which has jurisdiction throughout Northern California, who will serve through 1940.

Potenate's ambassadors are named to represent the temple throughout the territory, thereby extending the temple's headquarters connections to all communities in the northern part of the state.

Amick succeeds Carl E. Miller, who served as potentate in 1939.

SEN. CLAPPER FINDS OUT WHAT FARMERS WANT

By THE MAN ON THE STREET

Five hundred grass roots farmers, asked by Senator Arthur Capper, farm paper publisher, what they wanted in national legislation this year, are reported to have agreed almost unanimously upon these points:

They believe soil conservation should be continued, even if other farm program provisions are eliminated.

They want farm interest rates lowered and kept as low as possible.

They oppose reciprocal trade treaties wherein they affect domestic farm production.

They oppose any increase in taxes.

Under no circumstances do they want any action which might eventually lead this nation into war.

Many people believe that the President is and always has been war-minded.

They believe he made his "keep-us-out-of-war" gestures, in September and October, because he found public sentiment unexpectedly strong in that direction. If these people are right, Mr. Roosevelt should be well pleased with developments since the lifting of the arms embargo and the adoption of cash and carry.

Already, argument is being advanced in Washington that we must extend credit to England and France if we expect to continue to receive war orders. Also, observers point out that the total of appropriations asked of this Congress for the navy alone, is more than two billion dollars and that in eight successive budgets ,the President has asked for more than five billions of dollars for the navy.

These facts bear out predictions of those who opposed changing the **neutrality Act.**

At last, Joseph Stalin, head Red, has a real reason for invading Finland. The Finns have been stealing his war materials, guns and tanks. They play too rough.

In every age, there have been those who cried out that the end of progress was at hand. Back in 1844 a U. S. Commissioner of Patents said: "The advancement of the arts, from year to year—seems to presage the arrival of that period when human improvement must end."

That was before the coming of electricity, motor cars, airplanes, the radios, motion pictures—even before the sewing machine. Forty two years later, a Federal Commissioner of Labor said there would not be room for further "extensive development of industry in the present era of civilization."

So—today we have iceless ice, electric eyes opening doors for us, fertilizer from the air, sugar as a building material. And glass half as strong as steel and three times as elastic, used **for bolts, blackboards** and wallpaper.

But there still are doubters who think there are no new frontiers in America.

Here are just a few things waiting to be done, listed by the National Association of Manufacturers: Electrification of all homes; increased use of electrical appliances; improved housing; central heating and air conditioning in homes and factories; and road improvements for greater speed and safety; stabilization of aircraft; further development of the food industry, with the goal a balanced diet for the entire nation.

These items will represent billions invested by private enterprise. We do not need government spending to do these things. Every working day, $750,000 is being spent for industrial development and research. Shelves of industry are crowded with gadgets and improvements waiting to be developed. All we need is the "Go Ahead" signal. That will come when men with enterprise and money are sure that a sound, businesslike Administration is functioning in Washington, that taxes will not take all their profits, that the budget will be balanced and the national debt cut, instead of boosted. Not before!

The political Love Feast theme, with an undercurrent of sarcasm, continues to develop. The President now has been cordially invited by the Du Page County (Illinois) Republican Central Committee, to attend a Lincoln Day "two bit" dinner, where the speaker's topic will be "How to keep a state from going haywire in a presidential year."

Tax facts:

There are 53 hidden taxes in every loaf of bread you buy, 127 in every roast of beef and 205 lurking in the gas tank of your car. When you pay $5.60 for a pair of shoes. $1.60 of it it for taxes. That's almost 30 per cent.

Most film stars are paid by the picture. If an actor gets $100,000 for a picture, Federal taxes take $41,950; if he gets $200,000, taxes take $118,450.

If you are a Captain of Industry or a star, don't think you can get rid of taxes by dying, because 167 different taxes are involved in that process.

Money that is paid out for taxes canot be paid as wages or dividends; it cannot be used to expand business, build factories or hire more people.

From Portland, Oregon, comes the story of the harried looking taxpayer who stopped before the woman with the white apron, collecting coins.

"Would you like to help Finnish relief?" she asked courteously.

"Who wouldn't like to help finish relief?" the man answered, dropping a quarter into the apron.

CATO SAYS TOO MANY CRASHES DUE TO ALCOHOL

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 1.—California's drinking drivers cause more injury accidents on Saturday and Sunday than any other time of the week, it was announced here today by Chief E. R. Cato of the California highway patrol, whose officers are conducting careful studies of such cases in all parts of the state.

"In one county we found that approximately 50 per cent of the injury accidents over a period of three months directly involved intoxicated persons," Chief Cato said. "In all of such cases the accidents occurred during hours of darkness between 6 p. m. and 4 a. m. the greater majority early Sunday mornnig.

"While this condition is not reflected generally in all other counties we have found the situation serious enough to establish the strictest possible check on all highways in order to eliminate drunken drivers before they become involved in accidents. We are detemined to rid our highways of these potential killers."

PAN AMERICAN SPIRIT WILL BE STRESSED AT U. C.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1. — In keeping with the national trend to build up cultural ties among the American republics, numerous courses dealing directly with the history, literature and political problems of the Americas will be featured in a 1940 summer session on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, according to Dr. J. Harold Williams, dean of the session.

Calling attention to the publication this week of the 1940 session's preliminary bulletin, Dr. Williams declared, "Visiting professors from the University of Mexico, the University of Havana and the Colegios Nacionales in Buenos Aires will be in charge of University of California classes which will stress the spirit of Pan-Americanism. Western civilization will also be stressed in an institute on Latin America in which numerous members of the faculty and visitors will participate."

With thousands of preliminary bulletins going to prospective students in every state in the United States, to South American countries and to Canada, the 1940 session on the local campus already bids fair to break previous records for summer attendance. Information concerning the Los Angeles session is available on request to the Dean of the Summer Session, Administration Building University of California at Los Angeles.

The doctor was visiting Rastus to deliver his wife's twelfth child. While riding along with Rastus he saw a duck in the road.

Doc: "Whose duck is that?"

Rastus: "Dat ain't no duck; dat's a stork with his legs worn off."

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The Works Projects Administration dispensed the largest amount of aid of the nine major agencies, 223,000 persons receiving a total of $4,684,860 during October, 1939, the latest month for which complete figures are available, the association stated. Aid to the needy aged came a close second in amount of assistance given, with $4,407,283 disbursed to 134,010 persons in November, 1939. The state relief administration (SRA) was third, paying out in assistance alone $3,252,574 for 310,479 persons in October. Fourth were county indigents, with a total assistance granted of $785,772 for 72,362 persons in November. Needy orphans numbering 39,125 received $699,294, while $668,000 was paid out in the state to 9,967 persons under the CCC. Aid to the needy blind in California totalled $327,316 with $6,796 persons receiving such assistance. Under the National Youth Administration (NYA) $308,000 was paid in October to 25,545 persons. Under the Farm Security Administration 23,829 persons received $116,000 in October. It was pointed out that many persons received WPA and other types of aid during the same month. In such instances the person has been counted in the group receiving aid other than WPA, and is eliminated from the WPA count of persons receiving assistance.

In August, 1937, the association found, there were 570,176 persons receiving public assistance in the state. This meant that about one in twelve persons in the state was then receiving public aid. The amount of such aid given two years ago totalled $10,431,588 for one month. This means, the association pointed out, that in a little more than two years the total number of persons receiving public aid has increased 39 per cent, while the total amount of aid given has increased 46 per cent.

In considering any phase of public relief, the facts about all forms of public assistance should be taken into account, the association pointed out, declaring that the entire relief picture is made up of many parts, but the whole is the burden which the taxpayers are forced to bear.

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TREASURE ISLE TO OPEN IN NEW DRESS, MAY 25

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Treasure Island in a new dress, crammed with new exhibits and attractions, presenting a streamlined edition of the Golden Gate International Exposition at a reduced cost to visitors, will swing open its gates on May 25.

Foreign participation, particularly on the part of Latin-American countries, added participation on the part of the counties and the communities of California and other states, cultural and educational exhibits, new and larger commercial exhibits, added Federal presentations, a new Gayway, new shows and free entertainment, fun in abundance for the children, and an even more beautiful Treasure Island both by day and by night are among the highlights of the program for the "Fair in '40."

With Marshall Dill as president and William W. Monahan as general manager, the stupendous task of creating all this is now humming at top speed.

"Days of '40" the colorful pageant which will mark the opening celebration, is now well along in its preparation. A contest is now under way for a "Miss Streamline" who is to be the theme girl for pre-opening publicity, and a bevy of "Forty Fair" girls who will appear in the opening production.

Some 700,000 annuals are now being planted, which will be in full bloom on the opening date, and new color schemes as well as new night lighting effects are also being worked out.

There will be a new "Cavalcade"—this year to be entitled "Cavalcade of America," new editions of the famous "Folies", name bands, famous artists of the stage, screen, radio and music world.

Plans are also under consideration for a "One Stop" gate at which motorists would pay their bridge toll, admission fee and parking fee at one gate. Parking will be reduced to 25 cents, and bridge tolls are now only 35 cents. Basic admission will be 50 cents, but there will be many bargain tickets sold in advance of the opening, and numerous special days on which reduced rates will be in effect.

DOCTORS TRAINED TO KEEP HEALTHY INFANTS WELL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1. — Ten doctors selected from the rural areas of California have just completed a special study of the problem of keeping healthy babies healthy, under the supervision of the University of California Medical School, it was announced today.

The work, presented in the form of a short, intensive refresher course, was given by Dr. Amos Christie, acting head of the department of pediatrics, and members of the staff, in cooperation with the State Department of Public Health.

The physicians, chosen from an application list of 78, will aid in the well baby work of the Child Health Conference. These conferences have maternal education as a major objective and special emphasis is placed on prevention of illness. They have been considered the most effective means of disseminating the health education about the growing child.

Babies showing a deviation from normal physical and emotional development when examined in the Child Health Conferences are referred to their own physicians for remedy. Previously they were referred to pediatricians employed by the state, but under the new policy the local physician replaces the state-employed doctor. This new policy is in line with decentralization of public health activities as administered by the U. S. Childrens' Bureau under the Social Security Act.

The course was so successful according to Dr. Christie, that already there are demands from the physicians of the state that it be repeated as soon as facilities are available, probably during the summer vacation.

A very wealthy woman insured her valuable wardrobe just before a trip to Europe. Upon reaching London, she found her most valuable gown missing and cabled her agent in New York: "Gown lifted in London." The agent replied, "What do you think your policy covers?"

JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder about poems now—
The good ones and the bad ones,
The stately philosophic ones,
The sad ones and the glad ones.
I wonder how the poets say
So much with words so few;
I wish that I could streamline thoughts
As they so ably do.

I wonder if it is true, that "the best thoughts of a language are found in its poetry;" when we consider the works of Homer, Dante, Goethe, Milton, Shakespeare and many others of equal or lesser fame, the answer seems to be yes; and we might add the further assertion, that in no other literary form are thoughts so lucidly and concisely expressed.

Many minor poets possess the gift of clear and abbreviated expression to a remarkable degree; a notable example may be found in a poem titled, "Each in His Own Tongue." Here the author has portrayed the long processes of evolution in a cimple stanza of eight lines, and thrown in for good measure, a clevely veiled suggestion for human tolerance.

"A fire mist and a planet,
A crystal and a shell,
A jelly fish and a saurian
And caves where cave men dwell;
Then a sense of law and beauty
And a face raised from the clod,
Some call it evolution
And others call it God."

There we have the story of creation told in simple, understandable words, from the time upon aeons ago when a bit of fire mist spun crazily in realms of space down to the moment when Mr. Neanderthal first felt a sense of law and order in the universe about him, first realized the beauty of a flower, or heard voices in the wind swept trees at the entrance of his ancestral cave.

By way of contrast, we turn to a heavy tome, dealing with the same subject, but written by an eminent scientist in collaboration with others equally notable. Here we find words, torrents of them; many strange terrifying words which either give us pause or—stop us; but if we persist in reading and skipping from the first word of the preface to the last word of the adenda, we discover that both poet and scientist have told identically the same story of cosmic progression, one in rythmic outline, the other with infinite and bewildering detail. I sometimes think that learning might be acquired much more easily if human wisdom were done into verse.

I wonder what would happen if diplomatic notes of protest, counter protest, excuses, apologies, defiance and ultimatum were couched in poetis form. Let's pretend—

Dear Old England,
You must not touch our gallant ships when they are out at sea,
For if you do, we'll have to make reprisals, don't you see?

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WHITHER BOUND IS

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may be slaughtered. I would put them in the sixth circle. I have a very high regard for the German people that I know, and I know some Russian people who are very fine gentlemen, and they are not to blame that we find ourselves in this mess. A mess which will lead us into one of the bloodiest conflicts that the world has ever known.

I disagree with Senators Johnson. the late Borah and Vandenburg and any others who might be isolationists. I thought the League of Nations was the greatest advance step that the nations ever took, and if America had joined with all her heart and soul, we would not have this war or any other wars. All our national and international troubles would have been settled by arbitration. Now it is every nation for itself and the devil take the weak ones. It is just too bad for them.

We have gone through the dark ages and French revolutions and the American revolution and the Civil War. Those were dark and terrible days, but the days that are ahead, for the nations that are at war and for all nations for it it seems all will have a part in it sooner or later will be the darkest days this world has ever known. In fact civilization itself is threatened. How pagan all this is and I am sure beyond the comprehension of any humane being. It is brutal, vicious, diabolic and uncalled for. It is light against darkness. It is Neitsche philosophy Might is Right which drove Germany into the last war, and that philosophy is still working in Germany. It is no wonder that he died in an insane asylum. It is not the immediate results of this war that we have to battle with, but the world will be impoverished for a century. What Handel will compose the Messiah Oratorio, what Beethoven will write his Sonatas, what Tolstoy dare lift his voice in behalf of the poor. What Goethe will write his Faust. What Browning his Ring and the Book, or what Tennyson will write an immortal Immoriam. It is a atmosphere of fear, the roar of cannon, bombs from the air, sea and land, the siren shriek and a rush for a dugout, the uncertainty of your little business, your home, your family, your life and all blown to pieces in a moment. Is that not a modern hell. Yet that is the conditions in which the Europeans are living. The great scientists will be slaughtered, the poets butchered, the leading financiers of all the Eurepeans countries and the flower of all the young life will be sacraficed on an altar or greed for power and on a cross of gold. God help us all.

Whither bound economically?

This is a very vital subject at this very time. With millions of men out of work, with farmers from the Dust Bowls, the floods and the shortage of crops. They are driven here and there in pursuit of work. What shall be done in America? I presume that many of the working people who are not at the front in the European countries will be working in factories, etc. But the problem is serious in this country. The thousands of students going out of our schools without any prospect of a job. We have our CC Camps. We have the army and navy, but millions of our young people cannot qualify and do not care for those positions. Look at that army of young girls that are coming out of our schools. All trained for some work. Some school teachers, some taking business courses, but there are no schools for them all, and no offices for the girls. What shall we do. First of all take the women who are married out of jobs and let the young girls have those jobs. It is not fair to have a husband and wife hold down two remunerative jobs, and then the other man and woman just as competent not have any jobs at all. This is not fair and ought to be fought on our legislative halls until a bill would be passed prohibiting that kind of injustice. Then another way to help out would hire more men to do the work and not so much machinery. And another way would be the millions of acres in California and all over our country cut into small farms and given by the government at a very low price to the people. Back to the farm will employ thousands and thousands of the idle people.

Cut throat competition in business. Our chain stores freezing out the little business man who is struggling to make a living for his little family. This is all wrong. Then too. some reform had to come. It has been when men were beaten on the back for ten and twelve hours per day, not having hardly time to see their own children. Driven in sweat shops, in factories—some even little children, in the mines, dark and damp. We needed a change here all over America. The change has come and will come into all the world, we hope. The world that might be left after the war. However, this cannot be cured entirely by legislation. Some men are endowed with leadership and some have empires in their brains like Cecil Rhodes, and some can make money, they are natural financiers, and I believe what Jesus said was true "The poor you will have with you always." There ought to be a square deal for the man who has the genius to make money and encouragement for him to spend it. He ought to have returns for his genius and his investments. We cannot get along without the money, nor can we get along very well without the labor. The thing to do is deal squarely with all.

It is not simply civilization which the world wants, but civilization with conscience; not railroads and steamships and gigantic corporations, but gigantic corporations and steamships and railroads free from graft and taint of every kind. Better the untutored savage, than the civilized fiend. Better the unexplored wilderness than the bedienized palace of civilized shame. Better the south sea canibal, feeding on human flesh than the civilized vulture of the metropolis gorging on tears and blood of widows and orphans. Better the innocent child of the Ganges dropping into the mouth of the monster, than the debauched child of the Thames, the Rhine or the Hudson thrust into the gaping mouth of Hades.

Shall we drive out civiization? No, let us reform it. Shall we not drive out graft and replace it with honesty. Shall we not drive out that red tooth and claw law and put in the Golden Rule. Shall we not drive out self aggrandizement and put in conscience. Shall we not drive out the Devil and put in Christ who is the only hope for the world.

Whither bound socially?

Nevada City is the first place in California that I know anything about where the racial boundary line is so indistinct. We trade with Chinese, we have them in our church choirs, and many of them are leading students in our schools. Do we not love to hear the Negro spirituals, The world would be that much the poorer if we did not have them. We like to hear Roland Hayes sing, the poet Dunbar and the great educator and leader Booker T. Washington. The more Christian we become the ess we see of the color line and the more determined we are to bring in a world brotherhood.

Whither bound religiously?

Here is part of this great subject in which I feel more at home. I like to read about the beginnings of this great country—the Promised Land, when our Pilgrim forefathers landed. The first thing they did was to get down on their knees to thank God for a safe voyage. Then they cleared a little place for their humble homes, and the little church and the little red school house. They were brave men, sun crowned men, men that would not lie, men that would not down. Men seeking a place where they could worship God under their own vine and fig tree—none daring to make them afraid. There has come a great change since those days. We are supposed to be in a Christian nation. How much of it do we see? How many of the millions of our American people are fearing lest they offend God. How many are getting down on their knees thanking God for their little homes, the school and the church? There are forty millions of our people who never darken the door of a church the year around. No Protestant church, no Roman Catholic church, no Jewish synagogue nor any place of religious worship. There are 37 millions of children who never darken a Sunday school of any kind in the year and never have been in a Sunday school. Is this not a picture to make any Christian man weep for very shame?

Look at our brothels, our saloons, our gambling dens, our boys and girls smoking and drinking unabashed and without any fear of God at all. Look at our Sunday desecration. Instead of a Holy Day it has become a fun day. We had the alibi some years ago that we had to work six days each week and we must have time for recreation. Now we just work so many hours each week, and still we take Sunday too. The tragedy of it is that some religious institutions turn His day of Resurrection memory into an arena of an ancient Rome or Grecian contestants and thought of God or of Christ or His day. If we are going to be the kind of men and women that we ought to be and upon whom God can build His kingdom, then we must have a holy day in our lives.

Where are we bound in religion. Into heathenism. No God in our homes, no Christ as our Saviour in our lives on and on into greater darkness and despair. Whither are we bound in Nevada City. How much do we care for God or His cause here? What are we doing for Him? Our churches here are having a hard time to get along. If the population of this town cared enough so as to deny themselves one show each week it would pay all the expenses of the three churches in our city. We do not care that much? The people of Nevada City are not any worse than elsewhere.

God help us all in our stupid blunderings and blind wanderings ere it be everlastingly too late.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE
BY TOPPS
"STYLISH" MEN OF THE 15TH CENTURY WORE SHOES THAT WERE SO LONG THAT THE TOES HAD TO BE STUFFED, TURNED UP, AND FASTENED TO THE KNEES.
A BLACKGUARD-
TODAY A SCOUNDREL OR VILLAINOUS FELLOW— ORIGINALLY WAS USED (IN THE MIDDLE AGES) TO DENOTE HUMBLE SERVANTS WHO RODE WITH THE POTS AND PANS TO GUARD THEM WHILE A WEALTHY FAMILY WAS TRAVELING.
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THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA IS MOSTLY WATER. THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY EXTENDS 3987 MILES— 4749 MILES OF LAND BOUNDARY AND 2,238 MILES OF WATER.

TRANSAMERICA PAYS DIVIDEND OF $2,678,064

Indicating a flow of well over two million dollars into California trade alone, dividend checks have been sent out to 187,094 stockholders of Transamerica Corporation.

These checks were in payment of Transamerica's semi-annual dividend payable January 31 to stockholders of record at the close of business January 15.

Total disbursement is $2,678,064.09, approximately 80 per cent of which goes to residents of California.

John M. Grant, president of the corporation, pointed out that while the majority of Transamerica's 10,713,620 outstanding shares were owned by Californians, shareholders were to be found in every state of the union, every territory and possession of the United States, and in virtually all foreign countries.

Will Fenton, who has been quite ill the past two weeks, is showing some improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Fenton came in from their mining property in the Quaker Hill district and are spending the winter in Nevada City.

STATE 1939 GOLD OUTPUT HIGHEST SINCE 1856

The total value of the mineral production of California for the year 1939, just closed, is conservatively estimated by the Statistical Section of the Division of Mines, Department of Natural Resources, under the direction of state mineralogist, to have been $356,095,000. This is partly detailed in the tabulation below, but as there are more than 55 mineral substances on California's commercial list, figures on the most important items only are available at this early date. The production report forms are being mailed to the operators in all mineral lines, and the detailed and completed report will be compiled and published later.

The estimated total of $356,095,000 is a decrease of approximately $24,350,000 from the 1938 total value. The principal increases in values over those of the previous year were shown by the metals gold, copper, quicksilver and silver; the industrial group and saline group. Important minerals to register decreased values were petroleum, natural gas, miscellaneous stone, cement, and brick.

Petroleum output showed a decrease in both amount and value from that of the previous year of about 10 per cent. The estimated quantity was 224,376,000 barrels, a decrease of about 25,000,000 barrels. There was little or no change in the prices paid to producers by the refineries. There was a decrease of about 2 per cent from 1938 in the amount and value of natural gas utilized.

Receipts of bullion at the mint and smelters showed an increased output of gold of some 95,000 fine ounces, worth $49,210,000. Thus 1939 had the highest annual gold value since 1856, and the largest yield in fine ounces since 1862, also the largest annual lode output in both amount and value in the history of mining in the state. The silver and quicksilver yield each had a total value over the million dollar mark. The output of silver, copper, and quicksilver each showed an increase over that of 1938.

Of the structural group, these materials as a whole showed a decreased production and value from that of the previous year. Although building permits in 51 principal cities of the state increased approximately 8.6 per cent, large public construction was less than in 1938 as many larger projects were completed in that year. Conditions indicate the miscellaneous industrial and saline groups should show increases in the total value over 1938.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR SAFETY IN KITE FLYING

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes the annual urge that possesses boys and girls to make and fly a kite. Kite flying long has been recognized as a healthy outdoor sport, one in which even grownups delight. But under our modern city living conditions, with electric, telephone and trolley wires parelleling residential streets, today kite flying presents elements of danger. Children have been hurt and crippled and serious property damage has been occasioned by careless kite flying.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Co. is cooperating with city and school officials in a campaign to make kite flying safer. The company is distributing to school children a pamphlet entitled "Flying Kites Safely." Instructions are given for the construction of various types of kites and the proper materials to use. Also, six safety rules are emphasized. If these rules are followed the hazards of kite flying will be minimized:

Never fly a kite near electric or trolley wires.

Never climb poles to untangle a kite.

Never let a kite go over radio aerials.

Never build or fly a kite with metal or wire in the frame or tail.

Never run across highways while flying kites.

Never use tinsel string, or any kind of twine that is made with a metallic substance. Use plain cotton cord.

Parents and children alike should heed these warnings. Strict attention to them will make 1940 a safe kite-flying year.

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Granny: "Daughter, do you want to be an old maid?"

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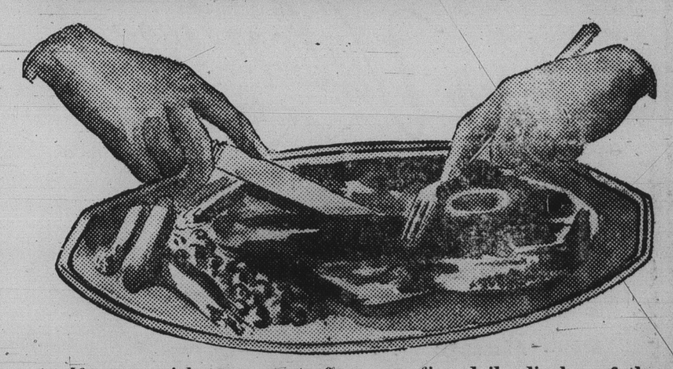

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Social Events

Miss Jacqueline Bertz and Harley M. Leete Jr. Engaged

The bethrothal of Miss Jacqueline Bertz and Harley M. Leete, Jr., seniors in the University of California, was announced Monday evening in Miss Bertz' sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, in Berkeley. In accordance with an old time custom the bride-to-be made the announcement by passing among her sorority sisters a five pound box of candy at the Monday night chapter meeting.

Miss Bertz is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Bertz of San Francisco. Her father is an architect. She graduated from Miss Hamlin's School in San Francisco, prior to her entrance to the university, and her younger sister, Sally, is now a student at the school.

Harley M. Leete, Jr. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley M. Leete of this city. He is a graduate of the Nevada City high school. During one of his college vacations he wrote "Sketches of the Gold Country," which has had a considerable sale in this city and Grass Valley, and in Sacramento and San Francisco book stores. He is now engaged in writing a biography of Senator William Stewart, early day senator of Nevada, who once lived in Nevada City, and whose house, built by himself, still stands on Zion street.

Young Leete, a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and of the Skull and Keys Society of the university, has accepted a post with a publishing house at the bay. While plans for their marriage are not yet definite it is expected that the betrothed pair will wed shortly after graduation in May.

Mrs. Barker Hostess To St. Agnes Guild

St. Agnes Guild of Trinity church met yesterday at the home of its president, Mrs. E. E. Barker. After the regular meeting the ladies engaged in sewing which was followed by a social hour and tea served by the hostess complinmenting the retiring officers, Mrs. E. M. Rector, retiring president, Mrs. O. McCraney, retiring vice-president and Mrs. C. E. Parsons retiring secretary-treasurer. Gifts were presented to these past officers in appreciation of their work and leadership of the guild.

Hugh E. Jones returned recently from a three months stay in the hospital at Fort Miley. He is feeling improved in health and expects to go to Lake county soon, where he owns real estate.

"BARRICADE" IS ACTION FILLED FAR EAST FILM

This 20th Century-Fox thriller is an action packed adventure tale depicting an American girl and man under fire in a remote American consulate being gesieged by fierce Mongolian bandits. Alice Faye and Warner Baxter are the couple; she plays a frightened entertainer fleeing from murder who runs straight into fury and danger; he is an adventuresome newshawk after her story. Their meeting and subsequent romance, as they learn to love in the face of peril with death seemingly but an hour away, makes as gripping a drama as one is likely to find this season.

Singing on an international hotel circuit, Alice Faye is an American entertainer who witnesses a political assassination in a city in Northern China. Knowing her life is in danger as a result, she flees the city and tries to hide her identity by posing as the Russian wife of an American, Baxter, a newspaperman assigned to cover the murder, tracks her down in a west bound train just as the train is stopped by bandits. The pair manage to evade in some miraculous manner the swarming guerillas and escape to the temporary safety of a nearby American consulate. Soon, however, the bandits attack this compond and, amidst this great peril, they find love. A thrilling conclusion tops off this action-packed story.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert B. Thomas and two children have become residents of Nevada City. They reside in an apartment on Broad street near its junction with Commercial. Mr. Lambert is a member of the staff of Hartung's, Nevada City and Grass Valley jewelers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Deeter, Earl Beckwith, Lenore and "Chick" Gregory spent Sunday skiing and skating at the higher elevations. They report very little snow and conditions slushy, skating at the new rink at Rainbow Tavern is good only in the early morning and late evening.

Mrs. Adeline Curtis has as guests her twin sister, Mrs. Adelaide Denny of Berkeley and sister, Mrs. John Marsh. Mrs. Marsh is the widow of the late John Marsh. The two sisters, natives of this city, expect to remain a week or two visiting in the old home.

CONGRESS ASKS WHY SO MANY PRESS AGENTS

By JAMES PRESTON

Farmer, businessman, housewife, salaried worker, common laborer—all probably will be confronted soon with a new issue which is being developed in secret Washington hearings.

The issue is how many millions the nation's taxpayers (and that includes everybody) are willing to spend to let government employees tell the public what a good job the government is doing.

In recent years there has been much general discussion about how many press agents there are working for government bureaus, issuing statements and press releases designed to win public support for these bureaus. Some legislators apparently have awakened to the question.

Congress shows signs of wanting to cut expenditures all it can, without letting the needy starve, so it is casting the fishy eye on government press agencies and "information" bureaus. Government officials who appear before Congressional committees asking for money are having to explain in detail the press and propaganda setup.

Some government "information" services are, of course, legitimate. They supply answers to questions asked by the people. But many concentrate upon trying to sell themselves to the public.

In the hearing on just one appropriation bill—and there are eleven—inquisitive legislators brought out that there were 176 employees in the "information" sections of only four government agencies.

For instance, the TVA this year has 40 such employes whose salaries total $167,000. These employees among other things, prapared eight pamphlets of which 271,900 copies were issued And the $167,000, naturally, does not include the cost of printing, mimeographing, mailing postage, rent, heat, light, and the many other overhead expenses.

As another sample the secret hearings disclose that the Public Works Administation has 12 full time employees in its "information" section drawing about $30,000 a year, and that in less than six months they distributed 4,124 press releases.

The U. S. Housing Authority is another example. It had 76 "information" employees drawing $272,530 a year in salaries. They are even divided into sections to handle coordination, press service, editorials, information, exhibits, motion pictures, and radio.

One agency of the Office of Government Reports, has been performing a double function. First it clips newspapers throughout the nation and summarizes news story and editorial comment about government bureaus. Then it attempts to answer unfavorable comment and criticisms, and to build up "good will" for the bureaus.

In the last year alone, the Office of Government Reports distributed 32 radio programs lasting 15 minutes and each program was carried by an average of 175 stations. In this one agency 48 employees are paid more than $4,000 a year each. Naturally, there are dozens of others making less than $4,000.

By the time the hearings are over on all 11 appropriation bills, the picture will be startling.

Inventors all over the country are being honored in February at "Modern Pioneers' Celebrations" to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the American Patent system. At the same time, those in high places have been reviving the old canard that inventions take away jobs. In this connection, this observer finds it impossible to refrain from bringing to their attention the following letter from the daughter of an inventor with the vision typical of America's industrial pioneers:

"About the year 1865 my father visited the Patent Office in Washington, concerning a patent of his own. During the conversation the head of the Patent Office said, 'I am looking for another job before I get too old to find one; this patent office cannot stay open much longer, about everything that can be invented has already been invented. Why a man (Singer) has pust invented a machine that can do a woman's sewing for her, you can't beat that.'

"A Congressman tried to put a bill through Congress to prevent these machines from being sold. He claimed that if women had machines to do their sewing it would put all the dressmakers in the country out of business.

"My father got a chuckle out of the above every time a new invention amazed the world; when the telephone was first invented he said, 'Maybe some one in Washington will propose a bill to forbid the use of telephones fearing the government will have no further sales of stamps."

Probably the two types will always exist; the man who holds the gloomy opinion that progress has come to an end and that invention spells disaster, versus the man who sees that the only way to continued progress is to create the things that mean better living and more jobs.

LEGISLATURE IS OPPOSED TO TAX INCREASES

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

No new taxes—and no increases in existing taxes!

Tersely stated, that was the major plank in the legislative program of California's leading farm organization a year ago, when the state legislature met in regular session.

And it is still the most important objective, at least governmentally, of the farming industry, as the legislature, getting down to work at its special session, prepares to grapple with the complicated relief problem and with requests for many millions in new taxes.

There is a consensus of opinion among leaders of the economy bloc in the legislature that no new taxes need be levied—and no existing taxes need be increased—if the relief appropriation for the coming twelve months does not exceed $40,000,000. And there is also a strong opinion that the legislature will not appropriate more than that amount for relief purposes; in fact, the best estimates at this writing indicate an appropriation of about $36,000,000.

If relief costs are held within reasonable bounds, current estimates disclose that present state revenues will be adequate to meet budgeted expenditures — with the prospect that the state deficit will be gradually whittled down by increasing income, due to expected improvements in business conditions In light of these circumstances, economy minded legislators are outspoken in declaring that no new taxes are needed—and that none will be voted.

From the standpoint of California agriculture—and, in fact, from the standpoint of all taxpayers, whether farmers, wage earners, professional men, or business men—it is to be hoped that the lawmakers who believe in economy, and who recognize the need for it, will stick by their guns and refuse to be stampeded into voting new tax increases.

California's tax burden, during the last six years, has more than doubled—at a time when the earnings of taxpayers have been at their lowest ebb in many years. And unless a halt is called, new business failures, new farm foreclosures, new bankruptcies and thousands of new applicants for relief—will be inevitable. Public patience and public capacity to pay have both been exhausted.

Perhaps the biggest contributing factor to the terrific increase in governmental spending has been the relief problem. But even though California taxpayers have willingly and generously supported the care of the needy and unfortunate, recent disclosures of conditions in relief administration indicate all to clearly that millions have been squandered and wasted; that politics has permeated relief administration; that radicals have fattened on "dues" exacted from unfortunate relief recipients—and that a thorough-going house cleaning is long over-due!

Certain it is that California cannot continue with a system which has permitted relief costs to increase to a point where they are now 2½ times greater than they were at the depth of the depression. Because working, producing California just can't foot the bill for that type of spending. Entirely aside from the unfairness of a system which permits many on relief to have better incomes than many of those who help to support them, such a program eventually is bound to break down of its own weight. It is economically impossible, just as it is morally unjustifiable.

California farmers, who know privation and loss from personal experience, have a sincere sympathy for the deserving unemployed and unfortunate—a sympathy which extends to digging down into their pockets to see that they are decently and adequately cared for. But California farmers can't afford, while they are fighting desperately for survival, to support a relief administration top-heavy with high paid personnel and political patronage. Nor can they afford to support tens of thousands of shiftless, indolent, don't-want-to-work "star-boarders." The legislature should insist on a clean up. And if that is done, there will be no need for new taxes.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Ray Murchie, superintendent. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Vocal solo, Tom Rickard. Sermon "The Place Called Calvary," pastor. Communion service for all members and friends who desire to participate. All are invited.

Epworth League service at 6:30 p. m. There will be a good program and helpful time for all the young people. Preaching service at 7 p. m. Ten minutes of song service. Piano solo, Miss Bernice McQuay. Reading, "Calvary", Miss Susannah Hawkins. Sermon "Turning Waste into Wealth," pastor.

Coming events: Prayer hour and Bible study Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. The official board meeting at the close of the prayer hour. Business meeting of the Epworth League and pot luck supper at 5:30 p. m. in the league room.

Tuesday the International Fellowship Tea at 2 p. m. in the church parlors. Mrs. Chan will be the speaker. The regular missionary society Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the church parlor. Choir practice Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Bible study and prayer hour for the young people of the church in the parsonage Thursday at 7 p. m.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

Quinquagesima Sunday — 8:30 a. m. Holy Communion. 10 a. m. Church school. 11 a. m. Holy communion and address. "The History of the Holy Eucharist" is the title of the rector's address. The music will be led by the vested choir. Mrs. Grace Raymond will be at the organ. Mrs. Marian Libbey will direct the choir.

Ash Wednesday—7:30 p. m. Evening prayer and penitential office. The rector will address the congregation upon: "Evening Prayer." The vested choir will sing the music designated for Ash Wednesday. Mrs. Libbey will direct the choir. Mrs. Raymond will be at the organ.

This is the first day of Lent. All Christians are duty bound to attend the services of this hour. It marks the beginning of the forty days of our Lord's preparation for His task upon earth. It marks the forty days in the wilderness.

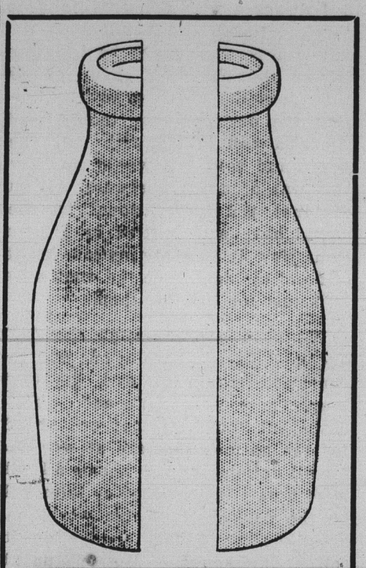
Friday, February 9—This day is appointed over the nation as the World Day of Prayer. It is your privilege to pray for a personal realization of God's presence in our everyday lives. This should be done at the noon hour silently wherever you may at **that time.**

Friday evening the vestry meets at 7:30.

H. THOMAS PATEMAN, Rector.

Mrs. Irving Long who has been quite ill with flu this week, is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Armstrong, who have been residing on Gethsemane street in Nevada City since their marriage last fall, will on Sunday move to a house near the Bear river bridge near the boundary of Nevada and Placer counties. Armstrong is in the employ of the Innis Dredging company and the new place will be nearer work. Mrs. Armstrong is the former Miss Flossie Angove. Mr. and Mrs Albert Pratti will move into the apartment vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.



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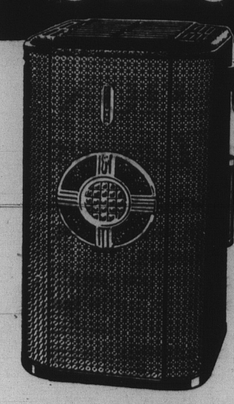

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